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AIR AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION EXPANDS

CIVIL AVIATION GORS ON SUMMER SCHEDULE -- Pravde, No 91, 1 Apr 49

Civil aviation will start operating on its summer schedule on 5 April 1949. This year it is planned to shorten flight time considerably. Bight flights for passengers, mail, and freight will be made extensively between Moscow and cities in Siberia and the Far East. The distance between Moscow and Vladivostok will be covered in 44 hours instead of the 70 hours required in winter.

Regular connection by air express will be restored between Moscow and Krasnoyarsk. Express planes, stopping only at Swettlowsk, will operate between Moscow and Novosibirak. The new, scheduler provides for deally trips in fast, confortable IU-12 planes between Moscow and Irkutsk.

The number of trips will be considerably increased on all lines, particularly on those which connect Moscow and Leningrad with cities in Siberia, the Urals, Central Asia, and the Ukraine. Three planes will make daily round-trip flights from Moscow to Leningrad, Kiev, and Kharkov.

This year direct connection will be established between Crimes resorts, the Caucasus, the Baltic, and the capitals of the Ukraine, Belorussian SSR, and the republics of Contral Asia, as voil as with the great industrial centers, Lepingrai, Sverdlovsk, Chelyabansk, Movopibirsk, Karaganda, Euybyshev, and others.

KAZAKE AIR SERVICE ELPANDS -- Kazakhetanskaya Pravda, No 36, 22 Feb 49

Airlines of Kazakh SSR have expanded 67 percent since 1940. There is now regular air service between the Republic and Moscow, Tashkent, Frunze, Novosibirsk, Omek, Sverdlovek, and other points. The service also connects the oblast centers of the Republic. However, the Kazakh Administration of Civil Air Fleet does not always make full use of existing facilities, and several airports are poorly constructed.

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KHABAROVSK AIR FIREF SHIPS PACKACES - Tikhookeenshaya Zvezda, No 47, 26 Feb 49

The khabarovsk Air Fleet Agency publicly amounces that it is opening mail service for immediate shipment of packages from airports to all Far Eastern points and also to western cities. Packages must weigh no less than eight kilograms / SIC /, must be packed in plywood boxes, cased in durable sacks, and led with unknotted cord. Fast delivery is guaranteed. Rates for package shipment correspond to baggage rates. Details can be obtained at the Khabarovsk Airpolt, or in the agency at 92 Street imeni Decribinskiy (Ministry of Internal Affairs Club Building); telephone 20-71.

ESPONIAN TE LINES EXPAND -- Pravia, No 81, 22 Mar 49

The total _s_sh of city and intercity bus lines in Estonia has increased to 5,000 kilometers.

BELOMORSK AUTONIS LIFES INCREASE -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 35, 20 Feb 49

Autobuses run on three routes in Belomorak, Karelo-Finnish SSR. The workers' settlement associated with the sawmill, the station, and nearby villages have bus connection with the center of the city. Buses also operate along the Sumposad-Kolezhum-Vorenzha route. More than 1,000 persons are transported by bus daily.

KIRGIZ MOTOR TRANSPORT IMPORTANT -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 27, 11 Feb 49

Motor vehicles are used extensively for trensporting industrial and agricultural products in Kirgiz SSR. In 1948, 37 percent more freight was transported by motor vehicles than by reilroad, and the number of care had increased 144 percent over 1945.

The 1948 freight plan was only 81.8 percent fulfilled and the fleet of trucks was exploited only 28.9 percent instead of the planned 46.3 percent.

The Taktak Motor-Repair Plant, the main one in the Republic, fulfilled the plan for capital repairs only 67 percent and the quality of the repair work was poor. The tire shop fulfilled the 1948 plan caly 75.7 percent.

Okhrimenko is Minister of Automobile Transport Kirgiz 53R.

RIRGIZ ROAD BUILDING INCREASES -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 27, 11 Feb 49

Increase in automobile transport has led to increased road construction in the Kirgis SSR. During the period from 1940 to 1948, the road system increased 2,776 kilomaters. There are 8,950 kilometers of road under the Main Road Administration but only 3,040 kilometers or 34 percent are suitable for year round motor travel. A considerable number of the road; are in need of capital regain and reconstruction.

Ushakov is chief of the Main Road Administration.

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ALMA-ATA NEEDS GAS STATION -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 57, 22 Mar 49

There is at present in Alma-Ata only one gas station, which can dispend 18,000 liters daily and a reservoir holding only 70 tons of gasoline.
Another gasoline station is needed to relieve the congestion caused by delay and 50 service more effectively the light automobiles of offices, enterprises, and 1 dividuals. It is believed that the Transport Development Eureau of Alma-ata has the 75,000 rubles needed for the construction of another station.

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